



Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023

Supervisors Present	Employees Present
Nancy Mehaffie-Chair	
Mary Reed	Advisors Present
Kristen Wing	Arthur Potts (Zoom)
Bill Naegeli	Dillon Martini
Terry Hightower	Jason Blakney (Zoom)
	Andrew Welch (Zoom)
	Katherine Maudrone (Zoom)
Associate Supervisors Present	Visitors Present
Mindy Ferrell	Dianne Zimmerman
Visitors Present	Morgan Owens
Cynthia Neste	Del and Nicole Post (Zoom)
Tim Johnston	Tony Rivera (Zoom)
David and Karen Brown	Jody Kenney (Zoom)
Roscoe & Ruth Krofuss	

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda items not always taken in order that they appear.

INTRODUCTIONS

- This meeting will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2023 MEETING

- Approved as reviewed

310 ACTIVITIES

SW-17-21 Johnson

- A motion that SW-17-21 is completed and closed was made by Nancy, 2nd by Mary. Motion carried.
- GMCD to do a site visit in the Fall.

SW-08-22 Johnston

- A motion that SW-8-22 is approved to extend 310 permit for 1 year was made by Terry, 2nd by Mary. Motion carried.

SW-11-22 Schneiter/Post

- Shared dock permit.
- A motion that SW-11-22 is approved to extend 310 permit for 1 year was made by Terry, 2nd by Mary. Motion carried.

SW-08-23 Neste

- A motion that SW-08-23 is an approved 310 permit with modifications was made by Terry, 2nd by Nancy. Motion Carried
- Modifications from team member report - 4' of rip rap with root wads underneath, abutments 12' +/- back from the bank

SW-11-23 Zimmerman

- There will be stairs to the water with a platform at the bottom to access the sandbar. However, it will be setup for a future dock installation.

- A site inspection is scheduled for 7.14.23 at 9am.
- A motion to accept this as a completed 310 application was made by Mary, 2nd by Kristen. Motion carried.

SW-13-23 Rivera

- Dock installation. There are currently docks on both sides of his property.
- A site inspection is scheduled for 7.14.23 at 10am.
- A motion to accept this as a completed 310 application was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mary. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The financial report was sent to all Supervisors prior to the meeting.
- The financial report was reviewed in its entirety.
- A motion to approve the financial report and pay the no-till bill for \$1039.05 for June 2023 was made by Bill, 2nd by Terry. Motion carried.
- Add mileage reimbursement to next month's agenda
- Kristen to get with Sarah to go over tax payments

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Outlook and Blackfoot email systems are not talking to each other because Outlook is set up as a POP and needs to be IMAP
- Will communicate with Jason on his emails
- Working on Pollinator and District Admin Grant reimbursement
- Sarah is working on the Harlow Ranch report
- HB 890 takes effect 7.1.24 which states all meetings will need to be recorded and posted to the website

LOWER CLARK FORK WATERSHED GROUP (LCFWG) REPORT

- No Report

MONTANA FWP

- Not a lot to report. Spent a lot of time sampling the river for fish numbers.

NRCS

- New secretary started
- Working on obligations and applications

AVISTA UTILITIES UPDATE

- Recreation season is in full swing. Working on the Flat Iron boat ramp dredging and an erosion project at Pilgrim Creek Park that will require a 310 permit.

NORTH WESTERN ENERGY (NWE) UPDATE

- NWE is in the re-licensing process of the Thompson Falls dam. Public comments can be submitted through the FERQ website. GMCD might be interested in the operation study. Re-licensing application is due in August.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Mindy would like to know how the board would like to proceed with public education (schools, outreach, water festival). The website says we educate and provide aid via scholarships. Mindy and Bill are disappointed that the Board chose not to use the funds for the youth camp.
- There is not a mandate to fund education. The board is concerned about what is being taught.
- Water Festival is scheduled for October. Emily is heading it up, however the Board would like Mindy to work with Emily on behalf of GMCD. She will be attending meetings this summer, via Zoom.
- Mindy will get with the schools. Presenters for the Water Festival are already selected.

SUPERVISOR EDUCATION

- Bill attended the MACD spring board meeting. The education committee and the employee organization are working together to get an updated manual for new employees.
- MACD and MT Soil Water Districts have merged.
- This year's Area 5 meeting will be held in Granite County and GMCD Admin will take the minutes, next year GMCD will have to host the meeting.
- HB 321's funding base rate is 80K/year. Admin Grant will be up to \$80K-taxes to cover one full time employee and expenses.
- GMCD can pair up with Sander's County on the Refuse issue and possibly assist in getting a grant. Could possibly get a planning grant for \$50k.

OLD BUSINESS

- **GMCD Insurance:** We have to have insurance by June 30, 2023. Still getting bids.
- **Bylaws:** Discuss at next meeting. Send with read receipt.
- **Interviews:** Four Interviews are scheduled for June 29th at 6pm. We have set questions to ask.
- **Financial Review:** Bob Denning sent a letter stating GMCD does not meet the guidelines for an audit and recommends a review of the books internally. A Motion to have 2 GMCD members review the books with the State check sheet was made by Nancy, 2nd by Mary. Motion carried.
- **Roberts Rules and Mar/Apr Meeting Minutes:** Bill is protesting the 3.1.23 Special Meeting Minutes, stating he thinks it was an illegal meeting. He feels the decisions that were made in that meeting did not require a special meeting. 3.1.23 meeting minutes are approved as reviewed and commented on, no corrections.
- 3.15.23 minutes approved as reviewed and discussed.
- **Attorney and document review:** Mary would like to have Kalyn Hitchcock on board for certain legal issues, Bill and Terry disagree since MACD provides that service through our MACD dues and thinks it's a waste of money. A motion to have Kalyn Hitchcock represent GMCD on an as needed basis was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mary. 3 Aye's, 2 nays, motion carried.

BUILDING REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

- **Driveway Erosion:** Hi-Land Excavation is going to come fill it in.
- **Mowing:** Hired Jarrod Milczewski for \$70. Will mow and weed whack all GMCD property.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Thompson River Re-licensing:** Roscoe Krofuss whom formally worked for NWE has concerns about bank erosion and dock damage due to the 2.5' drafting of the river that NWE is proposing on their FERC application. He suggests NWE only draft 1' like other Montana reservoirs do. He is also concerned that any future owners of the dam may use the max drafting limit. He suggests GMCD make a comment on the FERQ website concerning erosion and possible dock damage. Comment period ends July 9, 2023. NWE says erosion is caused by high water, wind events and wave action. They do admit dock damage impacts after 1.5'. NWE encourages public comment. Maintenance will be done in October to draft the dam significantly to replace the flashboards.
- A motion to have GMCD submit a comment on the FERQ website was made by Kristen, 2nd by Mary. Motion carried.
- **Gopher Getter:** Can't acquire the parts for repair, so now it's unavailable for rent. It's suggested it be sold through bid or a county auction. We should either buy a new one or discontinue the program.
- **Screen Monitor:** A motion to pay Nancy \$50 for purchase of a computer monitor and HDMI cable was made by Kristen, 2nd by Bill. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

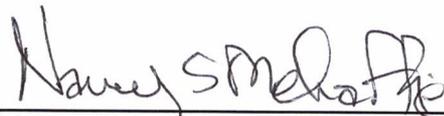
Meeting adjourned at 825pm.

Respectfully Submitted.



Kristen Wing
Temp Administrator

Approved.



Nancy Mehaffie
Chairman